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SUBJECT: CALL OF NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ON ACTING SECRETARY

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JOLAOSO CALLED ON THE ACTING SECRETARY AUGUST 11 TO PRESENT COPIES OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE, THE LETTER OF RECALL OF HIS PREDECESSOR, AND HIS PROPOSED REMARKS TO THE PRESIDENT (TEXT BY SEPTTEL). HE WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY, WHO COMMENTED THAT HE WAS ARRIVING AT A PROPITIOUS TIME. PRESIDENT CARTER IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF LT.GEN. OBASANJO. HIS SCHEDULE IN OCTOBER WAS HEAVILY CONGESTED BUT A SPECIAL EFFORT WAS MADE TO RESERVE DATES FOR THE VISIT BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THE PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO US RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA. IT WAS HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN READJUSTING THE TIMING OF THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE VISIT, AS THE PRESIDENT WAS EAGER TO DISCUSS OUR MANY COMMON INTERESTS WITH LT.GEN. OBASANJO.

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2. AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO SAID HE PERSONALLY HAS OBSERVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE INCREASING INTEREST OF LT.GEN. OBASANJO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE RECALLED THE VISITS OF SENATOR CLARK AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED, AS BEING INSTRUMENTAL AND IMPORTANT BENCHMARKS IN THE IMPROVEMENT

OF OUR RELATIONS. OBASANJO TOO LOOKS FORWARD TO THE VISIT, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT HE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED WITH NIGERIA, DESIRED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE AMBASSADOR, AND ARE AS ACCESSIBLE AS THE NEAREST TELEPHONE. WE WILL ARRANGE ASAP THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT. THE CLUSTER SYSTEM FOR THE CEREMONY WAS EXPLAINED AND THE FACT THAT HE IS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR TO ARRIVE SINCE THE LAST CEREMONY. A DESIRE FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS ARRIVAL OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE NEXT CLUSTER WAS MUTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

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